

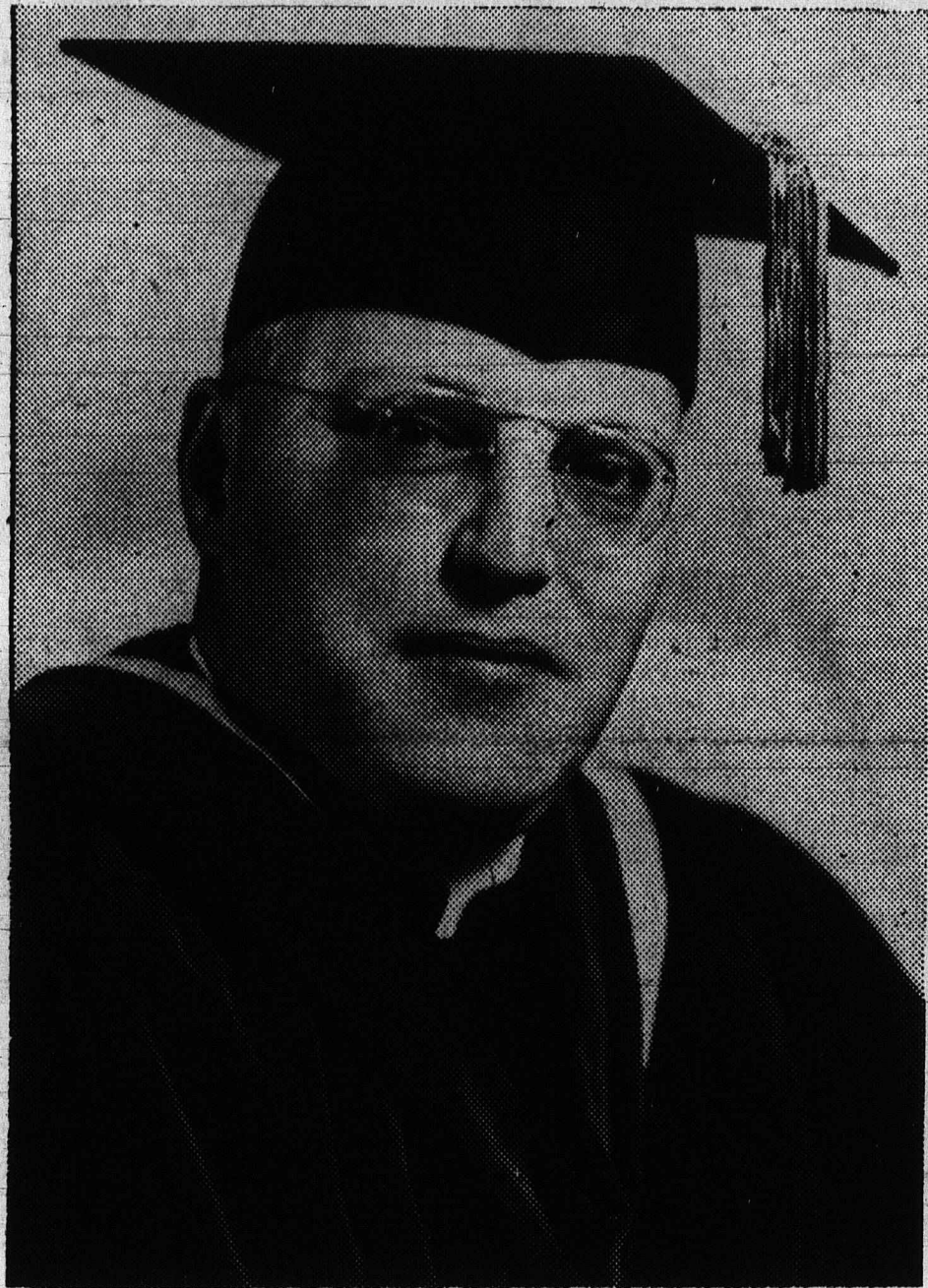
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St. Joseph's College Changes Its President On Commencement Day



Rev. Henry A. Lucks, C.P.P.S., Ph.D.

Sophomore R. Rodak Wins Guedelhoffer Oratory Medal

By William Schenk

Roman Rodak, sophomore community student, won the first prize of a gold medal with his speech, "Our Present Attitude Towards Russia," Tuesday evening, May 2, in the annual Guedelhoffer Oratory Contest. The Rev. Ildephonse Rapp, C.P.P.S., professor of oratory, presided over the meet.

Judges for the contest were the Revs. Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S., Norman Schmock, C. P.P.S., and James Hinton, C.P.P.S.

Second and third prizes of five dollars each went to Richard Kissner, who spoke about the "Yardstick For a Post-War World," and Ambrose Ruschau, on "Pope Pius XII."

In a "Sense Of Values," Joseph Condich pleaded for a Catholic philosophy. First proving why every man must have a way of looking at life, he showed how no way of looking at life but the Catholic way is satisfactory. Dominic Gerlach gave a simple, clear picture of the music of the Catholic Church in a talk, "An Apology For Gregorian Chant." He compared Gregorian Chant with other types of music, showing how its freedom of modes and rhythm makes it superior.

Kissner described the unhappy condition of the people of our country, of Europe, and of the rest

of the fighting world. A betterment of this condition, he contended, can be obtained only through religion.

In "Life As It Is," John Murar traced the sinewy thread of suffering that runs through the life of man. Though people try to escape it and try to cut it out of their lives, they can make it bearable only by looking upon it as a necessary thread of life and by accepting it without complaint.

Leaving no doubt about the threatening dangers of Red Russia, Rodak, with clear logic and piercing sarcasm, pointed out what a precarious and illogical position we hold today in our dealings with Russia.

Ruschau spoke of the one great light that still shines through the dark maze of false philosophies, of Atheism, of materialistic pleasure, and of Communistic intrigues—the light of our saintly Pope, Pius XII.

Aloys H. Dirksen Leaves Office To Dr. Henry Lucks

With the close of this scholastic year, the V. Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., having completed his second term of three years as President of St. Joseph's College, surrenders the honor and onus of this responsible position to the Rev. Henry A. Lucks, C.P.P.S., Ph.D., Dean of the college and until last fall also registrar.

Father Dirksen's tenure of office has been marked by a series of improvements and developments that are tangible evidence of his contribution to the advancement of education here. Great as has been the material development perhaps the academic progress is, even more marked. In these six years, the curriculum has been considerably expanded, and the various departments have been defined and integrated with one another so that the college today is recognized for playing an important role in modern education.

When Father Dirksen accepted the office of President six years ago, the old Indian School had been renovated and, known as Drexel Hall, was capable of housing comfortably in private rooms somewhat over eighty students. The rest of the students lived in dormitories in the Main Building. New Residence Halls

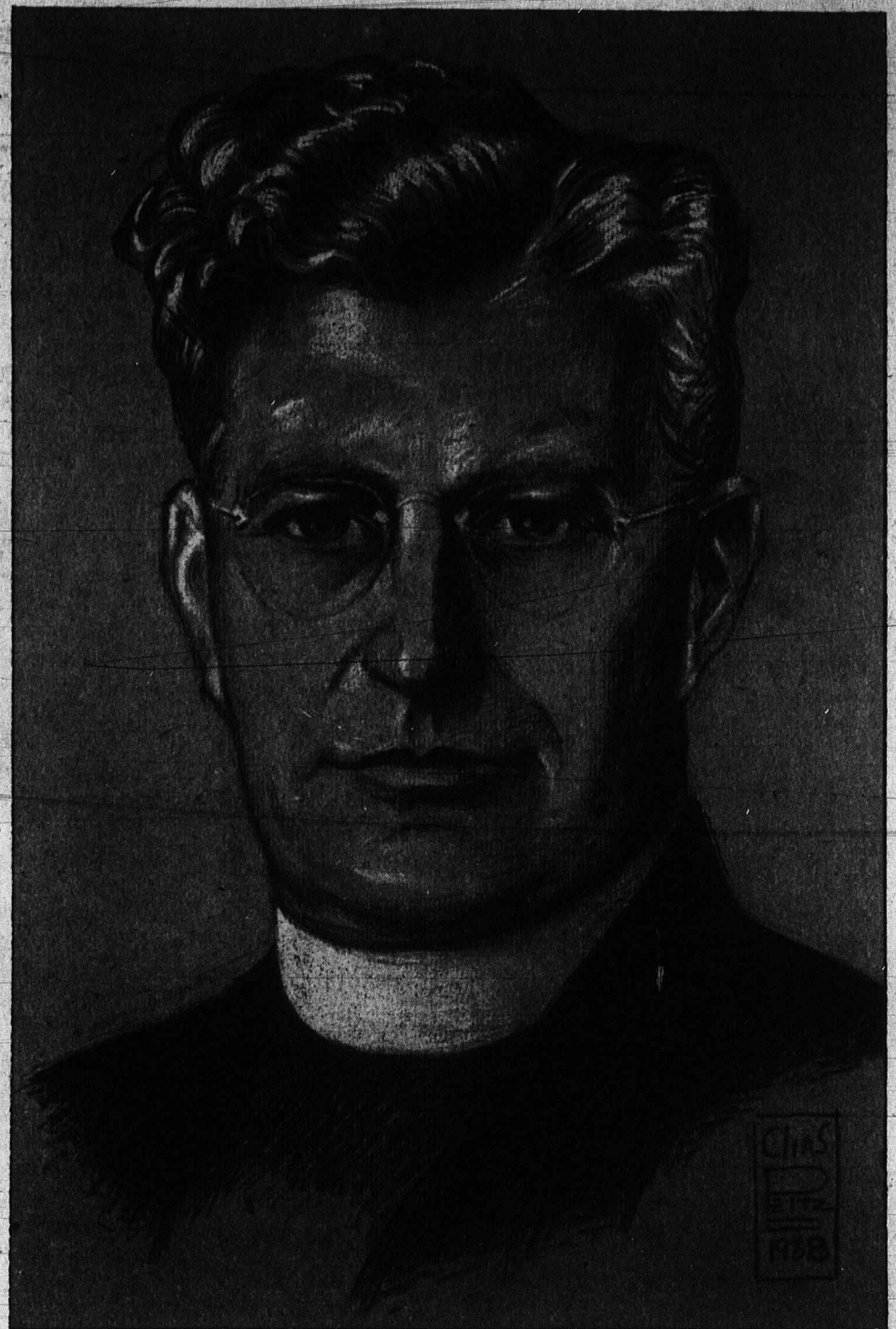
Cramped living conditions were evident as young men were coming to the campus. In the summer of 1939, therefore, a new residence hall, Seifert, was erected and the next year, Noll, and Xavier. That same year the Fieldhouse was begun and completed on time for the basketball season. The old faculty building, Gaspar Hall, was opened to students the following autumn, and the second and third floors of the administration building were converted from classrooms, study halls and dormitories into suites to accommodate the faculty. Rooms for the Brothers were provided in the south wing of this building.

The D.C. generators in the power plant, having become unserviceable, an A.C. generator was installed. This necessitated the purchase of new A.C. motors for all the campus requirements—in the shops, the dairy, the kitchen, and laboratories. A new and ultra-modern kitchen was built and equipped just before war restrictions placed a priority on such equipment. All in all these new buildings, new equipment, and renovations reached a total of more than \$350,000.

Alumni Chapters Grow

One remembers, too, that during

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Very Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S.T.D.

More Than Forty Fathers Visit Campus For Eventful Academy Father-Son Day

In one of the most impressive spectacles in the history of St. Joseph's Academy, nearly forty fathers of academy students joined their sons May 7 to celebrate the first Father-Son Day to be held at St. Joseph's. If the reaction of the dads be considered, a tradition has been started.

Opening the day's festivities was a ten o'clock Solemn High Mass, celebrated by the Rev. Walter Pax, C.P.P.S., principal of the academy, who was assisted by the Revs. Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S., and James Hinton, C.P.P.S. By pledging St. Joseph's continued spiritual, mental, and physical development of its students, the Very Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., president of St. Joseph's, welcomed the dads in his sermon.

After a "Friendly hour" in the Raleigh Smoking Club, where fathers and faculty members met for an informal, get-acquainted session, a banquet was served.

Speakers at the banquet were Fathers Dirksen, C.P.P.S., Pax, C.P.P.S., and Henry Martin, C.P.P.S., director of discipline, and Coach Richard Scharf of St. Joseph's, Frank McGrath, coach of Weber High School, Chicago, and Dolph Stanley, coach at Taylorsville, Ill. Faculty members were introduced and awards for the academy varsity and intramural

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Three Graduates Receive Degrees From St. Joseph's

The fifty-third scholastic year of St. Joseph's College came to an uncelebrated close as three seniors, the smallest graduation class yet in the College Department, informally received their degrees. The seniors were William Gray, Ph.B., Stanley Wisniewski, B.S., in Physical Education, and William Stechschulte, B.S. in Physical Education.

Spending four years here, William Gray, Sparland, Ill., pursued pre-theology courses in preparation for the priesthood. Active in the Sanguinist Club For Catholic Action, the College Glee Club, the Raleigh Smoking Club, and the Columbian Literary Society, the latter of which he was president

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Father Dirksen invokes the Blessed Virgin for peace at the culmination of the first Academy Father-Son Day, May 7. The fathers and sons marched to the grotto.

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POLICY

- (1) To constantly urge prayer and work in the hope of a lasting, early World Peace.
- (2) To make every effort to keep campus reading and campus speech clean.
- (3) To promote frequent attendance at Mass, the Sacraments, and evening Benediction.

GRADUATION TIME is an opportune time to reflect on education. And today, especially, is the need for serious, constructive reflection on education greater than perhaps ever before. Serious reflection on the modern, secular education of today, however, will resolve itself ultimately into a criticism of education.

To criticize secular education is a delicate task, precisely because it has such a stranglehold grip on the world today. Yet, though delicate the task is not too difficult, for the ill-effects of our modern education, which is completely divorced from the inspiration of religion and built on pagan philosophy, are more manifest in the world right now than ever before.

To quote Mortimer Adler, professor at Chicago University who, in discussing America's perverted educational system and European Totalitarianism, wrote, "All these doctrines have a common center—positively, the exclusive adoration of science; negatively, the denial that philosophy or theology can have any independent authority. Students are told by teachers of social science that all systems of morality reduce to tribal mores, conventional taboos, and prescriptions which govern the culture of a given time and place." Adler continues, "Even philosophy courses give students false notions. Statements which can't be scientifically verified are meaningless. You cannot see a soul under a microscope; therefore, there is no soul."

In a phrase, we might say that secular education has devoted itself exclusively to training the intellect, and in so doing, has abandoned the work of moral education. It has taken God out of education. This is the indictment against modern education. We need only to point to the war-torn, materialistic world to substantiate it.

What a contrast this system is to our Catholic system, which is intimately tied up with religion and sound philosophy, and which, by placing first things first, produces men and women spiritually as well as intellectually developed.

Thankful should we at St. Joseph's be that during this period of our lives when those habits and attitudes which will be ours for life are developed, when an interpretative approach to history, literature, and institutions is made, we have been guided and inspired by men grounded in the Catholic approach to life. Ours has been a priceless privilege.

Thoughts like these temper the pessimistic outlook on life which the world tends to give. Thoughts like these, too, should inspire in us active concern in bringing God back to the schools of America that He may once again live in the minds and hearts of all the citizens.

In the early days of our country William Penn sensed the need of religion in education when he wrote these words: "Governments rather depend upon men than men upon governments; let men be good and the government cannot be bad; if it be ill they will cure it. Though good laws do well, men do better, for good laws may lack good men and be evaded or abolish by ill men, but good men will never suffer ill ones. That therefore which makes a good constitution must keep it, namely, men of wisdom and virtue; qualities that because they descend not with wordly inheritance must be carefully spread by a virtuous education.

SELECTED EDITORIAL

(Prepared by Edward Mattingly, head of the D.M.U. Study Club on Communism)

"Credo in unum Deum—" once resounded in England from the "white cliffs of Dover" to the stern crags of Scotland. That was 400 years ago, in the beginning of the reign of Henry VIII, when Merry England was Catholic England. During the reign of Henry VII, however, an avaricious clique, like the modern Communists, gained control of England and changed a virile Catholic people to bigoted antagonists of Catholicism. What has puzzled most of us is how even the bloodiest measures could cause a Catholic nation, in less than seventy years, to "about face" so quickly and so completely. We know that deaths like those of Campion and Thomas More cannot turn a nation either from its religion or its nationalism; for if it could, neither Poland nor Ireland would exist today.

None the less, this really is not so puzzling, since the same thing that happened in Russia is now menacing America. The Catholics of England failed to recognize Henry VIII's break with Rome as more than a king's quarrel with the Holy Father. The Catholics of England, like the Catholics of America felt safe, and lolled in their smug security. Like many of our modern Catholics, they were confused and so adopting the broad-minded attitude, they attempted to keep a foot in each camp. "Be tolerant" they said. How familiar that word is!

When Elizabeth came to the throne, this "straddling" was characteristic of most Englishmen. Like the pro-Communists of our own country, the Catholics of England saw only the benefits and privileges to be derived from the quarrel. They failed to see, as do the pro-Communists of this country, that what they would gain would be lost again with their liberty when the state would teach them faith and morals.

She succeeded not because of the bloodshed she caused but because, like the Communists in our own country, she prevented the young people from being taught the truth. With Elizabeth this was merely an accident, but with our modern revolutionists, especially the Communists of this country, it is an effective and dangerous plot.

The Communists in this country are making a pointed campaign to control the youth of America by means of education. They have infiltrated into our schools and our youth organizations. The young men and women are themselves spreading the disease. They have taken over the avowed purpose of the Communists to overthrow our government with revolution, to stamp out religion, "the opium of the people." Every young Communist is pledged to spread the doctrine wherever he is. He must study Communism and become an active contributor to the communistic papers. "Activity" is the watchword of the young Communists, who are pledged to the destruction of democracy, of morals, and of religion.

On the other hand, where is the Catholic youth whose privilege it is to fight for democracy, to study, and spread Catholic morals and the Catholic faith? Are we, who know the truth, too selfish to help the groping youth of America? Are we, like Henry VIII's generation, dull enough to think it is only a passing whim? Are we going to let our democracy be torn down, our religion uprooted, and the moral standards cast to the four winds, rather than take active and immediate steps to prevent the spread of Communism among the rest of the young men and women of the country?

The answer is, of course, a thundering, "NO!" It is an encouraging answer, but we cannot be content with screaming "NO." Leave that to the politicians, while we turn to the deeper study of our religion. For only if we have the love of Campion and the understanding of St. Thomas More for the Church, will we be prepared for the task that is ours.

What is our task? It is to study Communism's insidious aims and methods. It is to organize clubs in our parishes to oppose Communism; to attack it on every front! For every article written for Communism, we must write one against it. For every convert made to Communism, we must make one convert to the Church. For the love we have for the Church, and our country, we must fight even blow for blow, if necessary. "The time is NOW!"

BOOKS ARE WEAPONS

By JOHN HINDERS

Through the school year, with each new issue of STUFF, the words "Books are Weapons" have stood as a challenge to the reader. They say, "Fight by Reading!" These words are characteristic of our times, but in a different sense; today we are all war-minded. Today the fight which began with Creation—the fight between right and wrong—has grown far beyond mere patriotism and has become a fight for theories.

Behind the fight are Books! Books that have become weapons—weapons with which we may fight for good or bad. And the weapons may be strong or weak. By learning the right and true theories we can better fight for them. By learning the wrong and faulty theories we can better fight against them.

Within the thick, heavy binding of books lie plans for the completion of the fight, the change from War to Peace, the plans of our post-war world. Books are weapons which wield an unheralded power over the completion and aftermath of this great struggle of theories.

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WITH OUR ALUMNI

Back again—for the last time this scholastic year. STUFF extends thanks to all alumni who have helped us fill this column. . . . Gene Hoffmann, Jan. graduate, entered the army May 10. . . . A/S Dan Reinman, finished with his pre-Meteorology course at Iowa U., now is trying out for either a

Ken De Witt, now at Texas A & M with the Air Corps. . . . With Ken is Jack Foley. . . . Pvt. James Uiman is now at San Diego, Calif. . . . Merchant Marine, Jim Shields is now in Australia. . . . Uncle Sam at times acts strangely. . . . The recently selected "Orientation" staff at Laredo, Texas, has been disbanded, giving Pfc. Pee Wee Shaw a new job again. He now is in Oxygen Maintenance and personal equipment maintenance.

In New Caladonia Pfc. Johnny Feicht met another SJC man, the Rev. Henry Barge, C.P.P.S., a Navy chaplain. . . . Jiggs Huysman and George (Spike) Laubacher have crossed the Atlantic. . . . Roving Pfc. Fred Berghoff now is located at Esler Field, Alexandria, La., in communications. While at Lebanon, Ky., Fritz met up with Technician 4th Grade, Dick Bissler. They met in church. . . . Recent visitors on the campus were Cpl. Paul Mainzer, who constantly has been with Wally Spaulding since entering the service last May, and Bob Kelly, Navy, who is editing the base paper in Boston, Mass. . . . Discharged from the Air Corps, John Whansiedler, Evansville, Ind., spent several days on campus recently, too.



Ensign C. Reymann

weather observer or work in communications at San Antonio, Texas. Dan injured his eye while playing basketball on a furlough. Because of it, he has been grounded. . . . Pvt. John McCable, whose ASTP unit was broken up at Fordham U., is now in the infantry in Camp Carson, Col. . . . Tom Cooney is at Sheppard Field, Texas, while his brother Leo, who also was hit by the ASTP breakup at U. of Wisc., is in the signal Corps, Camp Crowder, Mo.

Cadet in the Merchant Marines, Robert T. Reilly is on sea training somewhere in the Pacific. Soon he will come back to school to finish his training. . . . Ensign James Bogan is studying communications at Norfolk, Vir., at the Amphibious Training Command. . . . Pvt. Elmer Wielontek visited the campus recently, as did Louie Yugo-vich, now at Great Lakes. . . . Glad to be back in college again is A/S



Ensign Joseph Reinman

CAMPUS CAPERS

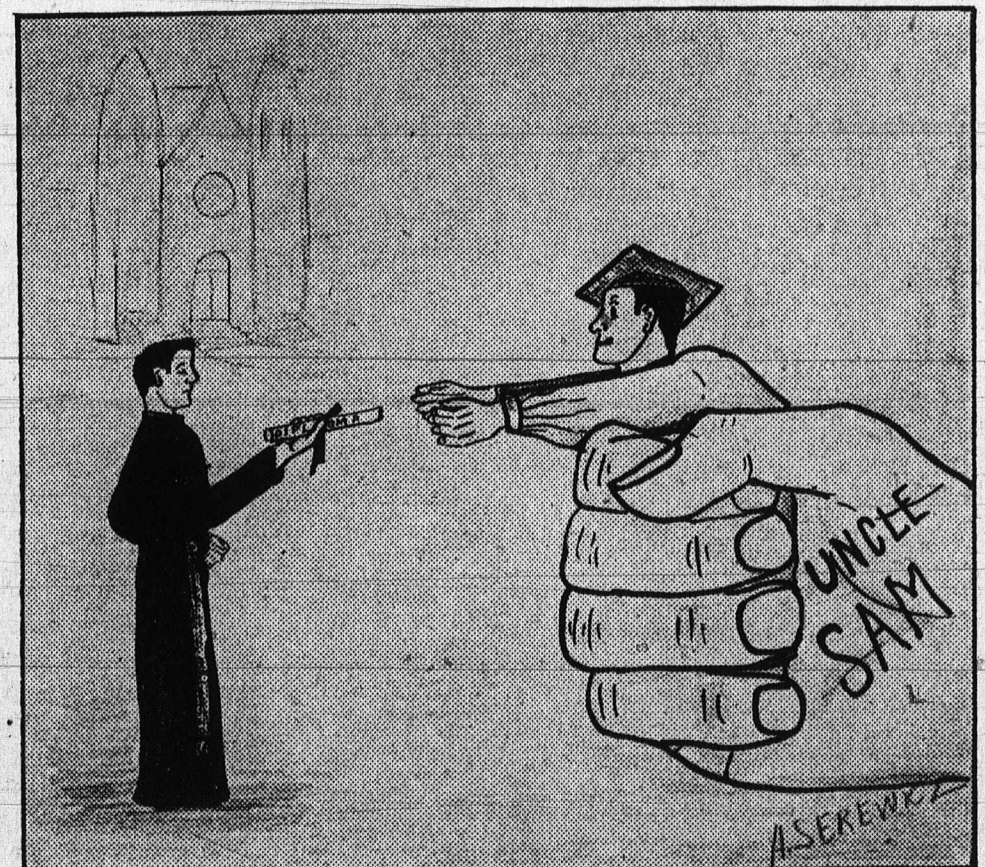
Famous Last Words— Well, at least they are last words. . . . Normy— To Be or not TuBe. . . . Chester— De De, Re De De. . . . Berto. . . . Puky. . . . Pukelis— Now, you owe me two cents and you owe me etc. . . . Pop— It's not what you know, but who you know. . . . DoDo— ALTON! with accent. . . . Cyclops— Did you say FOOD? . . . Duke— Gee Gee. . . . Marty— Huh? . . . Steve— Haw Haw. . . . Fritz— Haw Haw. . . . Nick— Cut it out. . . . Gov. Bauman— Now, take old J. P., he owns. . . . Callahan— For the last time, I bought those black pants. . . . Capuchelli. . . . "Splendid, sport"

. . . . Giese. . . . So long til next year. . . . During the summer we intend to write and ode to a tube—that is if we can make "Tube" rhyme with "Long John."

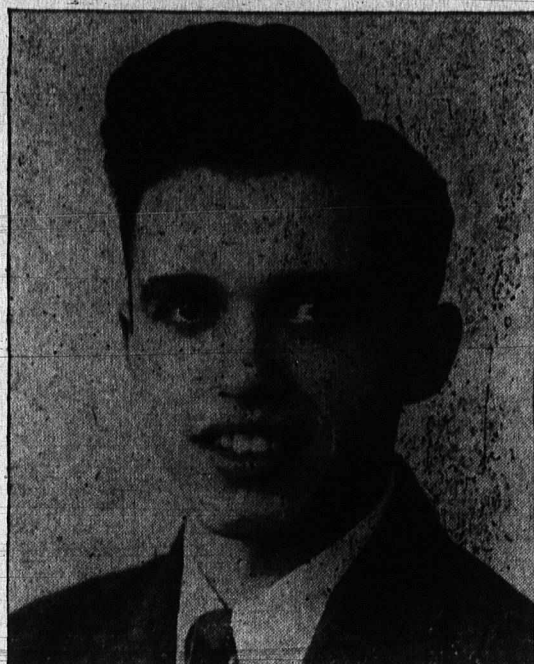
CUB CAPERS—

SCHOOL IS OUT AND. . . . Joe Bolka is very sad; we never knew you liked school, Joe! . . . Connie Fecher will once more return to Jean Chambers! . . . Jim Frommeyer will stay on the campus and help on the farm. . . . yea, help! . . . Bill Spresser will be able to go down town without the aid of a fire escape! . . . We will all be safe from Earl (Toughy) Redden!

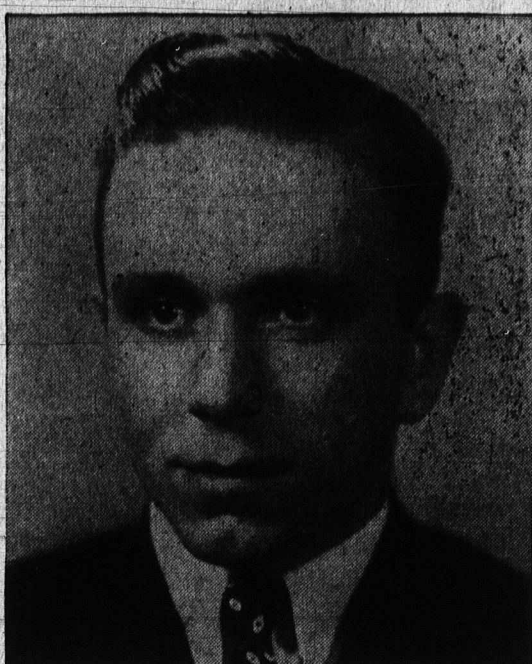
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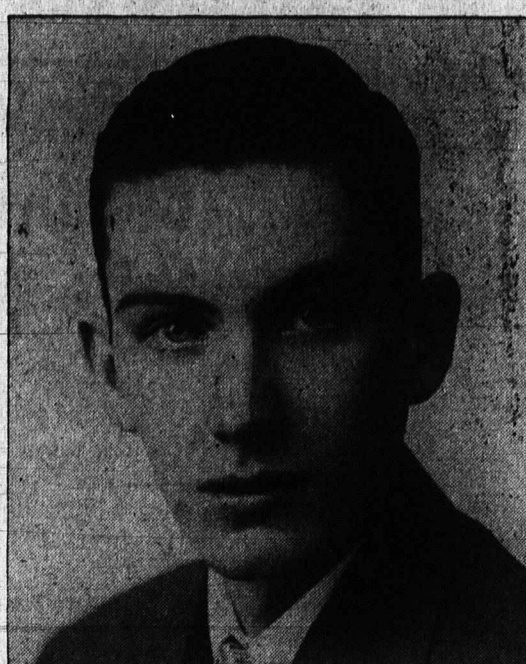
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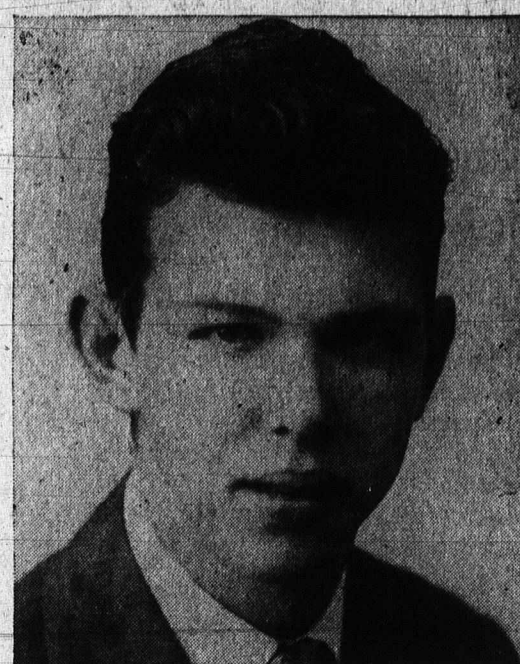
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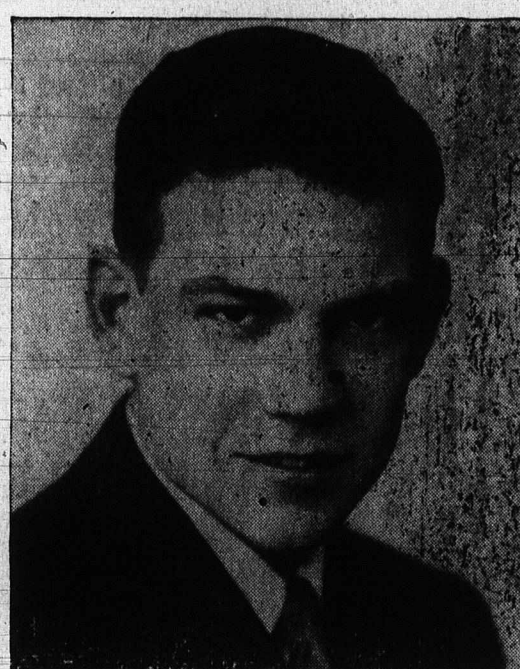
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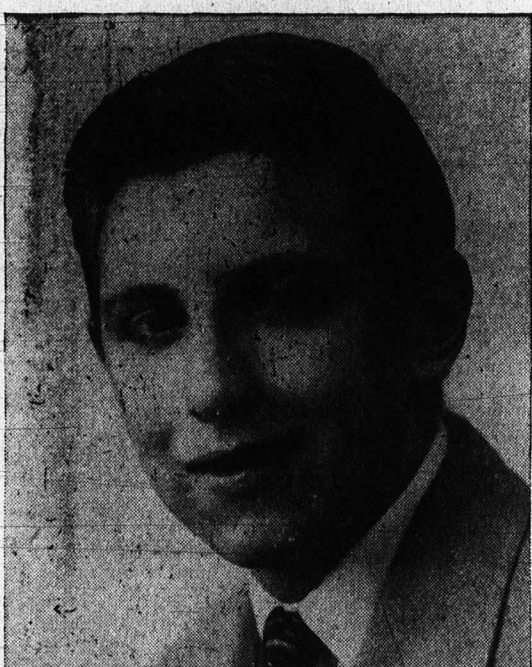
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Joseph Spresser



Charles Teaney

Academy Seniors Look Toward Indefinite, Appealing Future

By Mark Forsthoefel

Sunday afternoon, May 21, twelve seniors of St. Joseph's Academy wrote finis to their high school careers. Though regretting to leave their high school days behind, most of the fellows think the call of the world—though indefinite—is appealing.

Varied were the replies of the seniors of the class of '44, when they were asked about the future. Stephan Barry, Chattanooga, Tenn., plans to work in a Chattanooga radio station this summer. Having a medical discharge from the Navy, Steve plans to enter college next fall.

Dave Clemens, Cannelton, Ind., will be eighteen in June. Hence, he plans to enter the Navy immediately.

John O'Donnell, Mansfield, Ohio, intends to work in a war plant this summer and join the armed forces this fall.

Aubrey Serewicz, Valparaiso, Ind., a mid-year collegian, will work at home this summer and re-enter college here next fall.

William Spresser, Taylorville, Ind., will be Taylorville's "jack-of-all trades" this summer. He too

will probably enter college in the fall.

Charles Teaney, Aurora, Ind., will be head butcher in his father's super market this summer, entering the Navy when eighteen.

Frank Clark, Detroit, Mich., already eighteen, expects to be drafted into the army soon.

James Dobe, Libertyville, Ill., a mid-year collegian, has Navy plans in mind.

Robert Gaynor, Dayton, Ohio, will shift from defense work to the Navy next fall.

Vester Lenzen, Greencastle, Ind., is wavering between the Marines and the Navy. A mid-year collegian, also. Duke will be eighteen in August.

Richard McDevitt, Gary, Ind., plans to get a nice "soft" job this summer and join the Navy this fall.

Receive Diplomas May 21; Teaney Gives Valedictory

Twelve seniors of St. Joseph's Academy received high school diplomas Sunday afternoon, May 21, in the College Theatre, as families and friends of the class, and guests of St. Joseph's gathered together for the commencement exercises. Awards for the year in both the college and academy departments were made.

The Very Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., departing president of St. Joseph's College, delivered the baccalaureate sermon at a ten-o'clock solemn High Mass which he celebrated that morning. An academic procession was held.

Presiding over the graduation exercises, which began at two o'clock in the afternoon, was the Ver. Rev. Dr. Joseph Marling, C.P.P.S., provincial of the Precious Blood Society. Mr. Ira L. Huntington, Superintendent of the Jasper County public schools gave the baccalaureate, which was followed by the valedictory address of senior Charles Teaney, Aurora, Ind.,

Ten Scholarships To Be Given By Academy To Worthy Boys

Ten partial scholarships of \$200 each, to apply for the freshman year, are being offered to deserving, graduating eighth grade students by St. Joseph's Academy for the first time this year, announced the Rev. Dr. Walter Pax, C.P.P.S., principal.

president of the senior class.

The graduates were presented by the Rev. Dr. Walter T. Pax, C.P.P.S., principal of the academy. He also read the awards. Talks were given by Fathers Marling and Dirksen, and the Very Rev. Henry A. Lucks, C.P.P.S., newly chosen president of St. Joseph's.

Valedictorian Charles Teaney attended the academy for four years, was active in the dramatic club and mongram club, was athletic student manager for two years, and served as sports editor of the yearbook, "Twin Towers."

Leahy Visits Campus

Spending a day on the campus was Pvt. Jerry Leahy, a former student of St. Joseph's Academy, who graduated last year. Jerry had a ten-day furlough and returned to Camp Campbell, Kentucky, May 10.

The scholarships will be given to students in moderate circumstances, who will be selected by means of a competitive examination. The examination, which will be given at convenient centers sometime this month, will comprise tests in general mental ability, reading, spelling, grammar, and arithmetic.

Details concerning the offer, a letter explaining the advantages of a Catholic boarding school, and a pamphlet on St. Joseph's Academy were sent to over seven hundred grade schools, covering the dioceses of Ft. Wayne and Indianapolis in Ind.; Toledo, Cleveland in Ohio; Peoria, Bellville, and Springfield in Ill. The letter reached all of the three states.

In it was explained the comparative low cost at St. Joseph's where the combined tuition, board, and lodging is slightly more than two dollars per day.

Academy Students Receive Well-Rounded Education

St. Joseph's Faculty Breaks From Modern Education Trends, Which Tend To Lay Stress Upon Intellectual Training Only

Students receive a liberal education blended with spiritual development. Priests of the Precious Blood Society are available to offer a classical, scientific, a commercial, and a general academic curriculum with emphasis on language, social studies, mathematics, or science.

All are licensed teachers with specialized preparation beyond college courses. Nearly all hold master's degrees and have both college and high school teaching experience behind them.

As for character education and religious training, St. Joseph's tries to prepare its students for life and eternity, with the Catholic understanding that both are intimately united. Academy students attend Mass in the morning and Benediction in the evening; the reception of the sacraments is a daily

opportunity.

Through the medium of well equipped laboratories, the student is introduced to the mysteries of the world of science. At his disposal are instruments which would be a credit to a generously endowed institution. A college-trained staff of teachers and a complete array of specimens and full apparatus for demonstration present the fundamentals of biology, chemistry, and physics most thoroughly and acceptably.

Another fine feature is the College library of approximately 22,000 volumes. Under the direction of trained librarians, students have easy access to it. A well ordered reading room leaves the student to spend many hours there.



Above—Academy students avail themselves in the modern science laboratories of St. Joseph's College.

J. Hinders Wins Creative Writing Prize With Essay

Of nineteen entries in the Mary J. Pursely creative writing contest, John Hinders, freshman community student and winner of the Alumni Essay contest last year, won a fifty dollar cash award with his familiar essay, "Things Outgrown".

The announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. Paul Speckbaugh, C.P.P.S., chairman of the English Department.

Unusual was the fact that this year, ten poems were submitted. There were five short stories, three familiar essays, and one play entered. Only one prize is offered.

Present Awards At Commencement

Awards for the 1943-44 scholastic year of St. Joseph's College and Academy were made at the commencement exercises, May 21. They were as follows:

Pursely Contest Award (fifty dollars) — John Hinders.

Alumni Essay Contest: College — William Schenk (twenty dollars), Vincent Giese (five dollars); Academy — LeRoy Klein (twenty dollars), James Bender (five dollars).

Guedelhoff Oratory — Roman Rodak (gold medal), Richard Kissner (five dollars), Ambrose Ruschau (five dollars).

College Sophomore High Average — Richard Kissner (medal), William Wise, Donald Green.

College Freshman High Average — John Hinders (medal), Joseph McNicholas, William Eilerman.

Academy Senior High Averages — John Bosch (medal), Stephen Barry, James Bender.

Academy Junior High Averages — Louis Schneider (medal) Mark Forsthoefel, Richard Hermann.

—MORE ABOUT— Father-Son Day

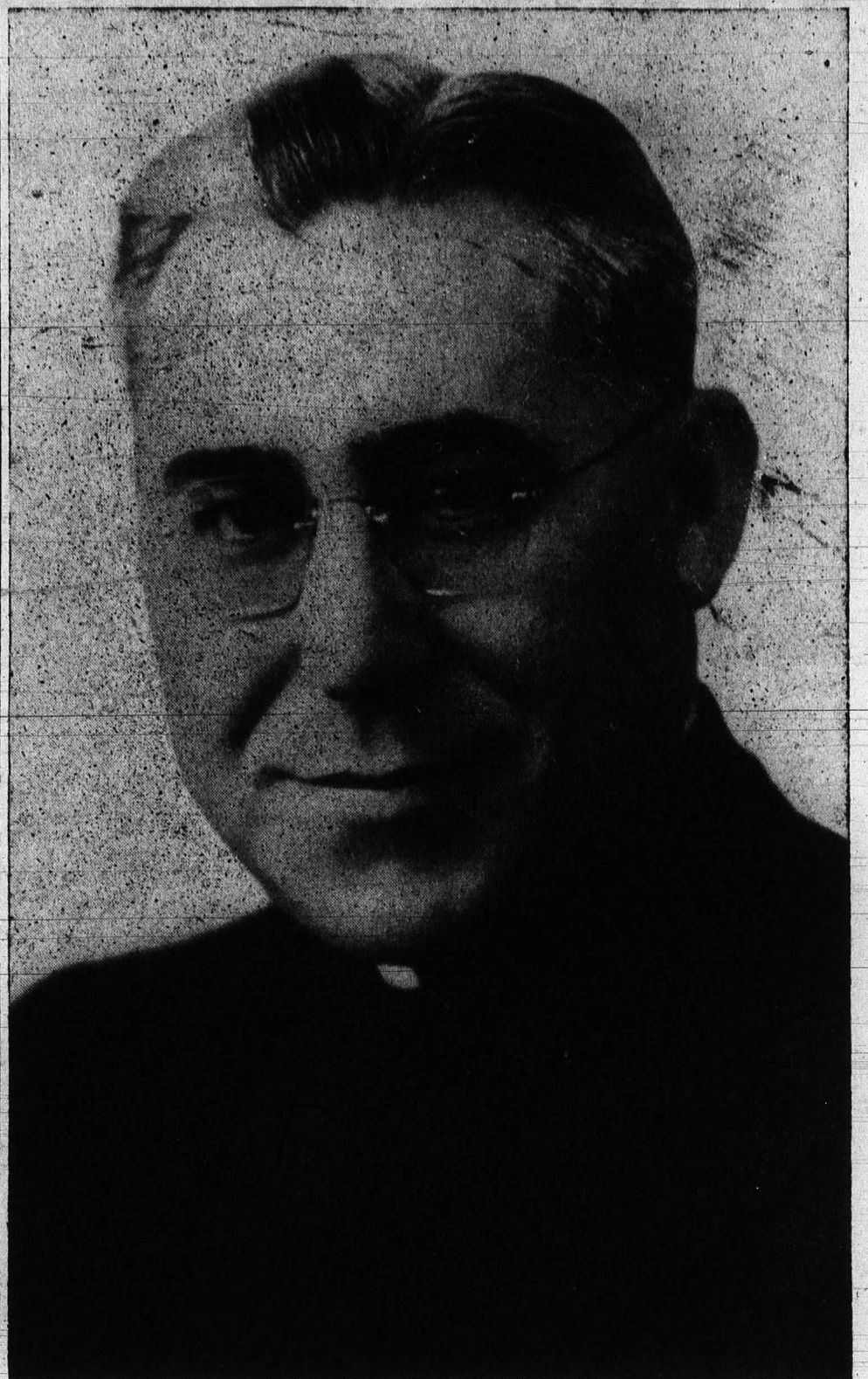
Culminating the days celebration was a procession of fathers to the grotto after Benediction, which was held in the College Chapel. There prayers were said, songs were sung by the College Choir, and a short address was given by Father Dirksen, in which he asked those present to invoke the Blessed Virgin that peace be restored before these boys be called into the service.

Father Roof's Idea

Success for the fine turn out at the event is due to the Rev. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., athletic director at St. Joseph's, who conceived the idea, and to the Revs. S.H. Ley, C.P.P.S., and Carl Nieset, C.P.P.S., who served with Father Roof on the committee.

The following awards were made at the banquet: Football: Captain Dave Clemens, Robert Gaynor, Aubrey Serewicz, and Manager Charles Teaney (sweaters); Howard Sprester, Richard Hermann, Clarence Steffes, Con Fecher, Robert Eder, and Steve Nyikos (letters). Basketball: Captain James Dobe, (sweater); Capt. Dave Clemens, Clarence Steffes, Con Fecher, Richard Hermann, Robert Eder, Frank Ritter, John Thieme, Jack Hummel, Anthony Serewicz, and Steve Nyikos, (letters). Baseball: Captain Clarence Steffes, Robert Gaynor, Richard Hermann, Robert Eder, Anthony Serewicz, Con Fecher, Frank Ritter, Gordon Ash, George Smith, Steve Nyikos, and manager Earl Redden, (letters). Intramural awards were as follows: Football: Capt. Smith, Ash, Stolle, Forsthoefel, Schmitt, Chamberlain, and DeMere. Basketball: Capt. Howard Sprester, Imhoff, Roemer, Mills, Frommeyer, Reed and Worden. All-Academy basketball champs: Capt. Eder, Fecher Ritter Doran Schmitt, Bush.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY PRINCIPAL



Rev. Walter T. Pax, C.P.P.S., Ph.D.

Curtain Club Breeds Contempt For Superstition In Comedy

By Johnny Deegan

Since the Curtain Club's hilarious production on Saturday evening, May 6, residents of St. Joseph's have a dislike for black cats, canaries, and number thirteen. Also, those who had ever entertained thoughts of becoming hotel managers or private hotel detectives (such as Fred Huenefeld was) have banished them.

"Friday, The Thirteenth," written by Carl Pierce and directed by the Rev. Dr. Paul Speckbaugh, C.P.P.S., moderator of the Curtain Club, is farce comedy. Trouble began to brew when three fellows—Harvey Chase, Ben Richmond, and Dick Vail—played by Bill Volk, Fred Giere, and Neil Ott, respectively—rented a hotel suite with the last dollars between them and starvation.

Thinking their troubles could be no worse, they organized the Jinx Club, an anti-superstition society. Much to the dissatisfaction of George, a superstitious colored bell boy (craftily portrayed by LeRoy Klein) our three friends collected all the supposedly unlucky objects they could—step ladders to walk under, salt to spill, mirrors to break, black cats, etc. Though their luck seemed to get worse, out of a clear sky all turned out well.

In the "brewing" process, Joe Condich as Mr. Jeffers, manager of the aristocratic Idlewild hotel, nearly was driven "batty" by the actions of the Jinxers.

The College Band, under the direction of Professor Paul Tonner, B.Mus., played between the acts.

Honor Stuff Staff

In appreciation for their fine cooperation and active interest in STUFF, the Academy staff members enjoyed a buffet supper Wednesday, May 17, in the J Cafe.

Without the aid of the Academy staff, the task of getting out Stuff this year would have been more difficult. Though green at journalistic writing at first, the staff developed as the year went on. All the boys will be back

DEAN RELEASES HIGH AVERAGES

The following are the high indices for the second semester of the college department:

Secular Students —

Seniors —

William Gray — 2.27
Stanley Pukelis — 1.88

Juniors —

Vincent Giese — 2.71
Thomas Burger — 2.24
William Milford — 2.00

Sophomores —

Alton Backs — 2.60
Nick Arioli — 1.94

Freshmen —

(One semester)
Robert Williams — 1.73

(Two Semesters)

Thomas Knapke — 2.84
Aubrey Serewicz — 2.34

Community Students —

Sophomores —

Richard Kissner — 2.79
William Wise — 2.73
Donald Green — 2.68

Freshmen —

John Hinders — 2.68
Joseph McNicholas — 2.45
William Eilerman — 2.39

Show Geology Movies

Through the "Film Borrower's Agreement" of the U. S. Department of Interior, the Rev. Carl F. Nieset, C.P.P.S., professor of geology, secured two sets of films on geology, which were shown April 18 and April 25, respectively, to students at St. Joseph's.

Of the seven films, "Arizona, Its Mineral Resources and Scenic Wonders," "Glimpses of Texas," and "Lead Mining in S. E. Missouri," were the most interesting.

Twenty Xavier Students Make Intensive Study Of Communism

Kapoet, Isms, Red Network are some of the most talked of books in Xavier Hall today. Well over twenty of the community students are taking an active part in the D.M.U. Study Club on Communism.

Although the club was organized only three months ago by Ed Mattingly, it has already done much work. It has brought home to more than twenty young men how dangerously our country is threatened by Communism.

But this is only the beginning. The pass-word of the club is not "study," but "Act Now!" It is true prayer and study are stressed, but the members feel this is not enough. Something more than this must be done, if America is to remain a democracy.

The first thing that is being done, therefore, is the gathering of all magazine articles, newspaper clippings, cartoons, etc., that give any information about Communism. Also a bibliography of all the books on the campus treating of Communism is being made. The purpose is to gather accurate information and reliable source material for articles against Communism.

Despite the fact that most of the time thus far has been devoted towards collecting material, some writing has been done. About eight public speaking pieces on Communism were given in the various expression classes. First prize in the Guedelhoff Oratory contest was won by one of the club members, who spoke about "Our Present Attitude Toward Russia."

Four members are writing term papers on various phases of Communism for Economics. The following are a list of the titles: "Philosophy of Communistic State" by Ed Kalmanak, "Labor Ensnared by Communism" by George De Maro, "Communist Youth Activity" by John Tullio, and "Effects of Communism in Modern Labor" by Russell Fredrickson.

The men intend to work these research papers into popular articles during the summer and try to have them published.

Rev. A. Zanolar Closes Seminar

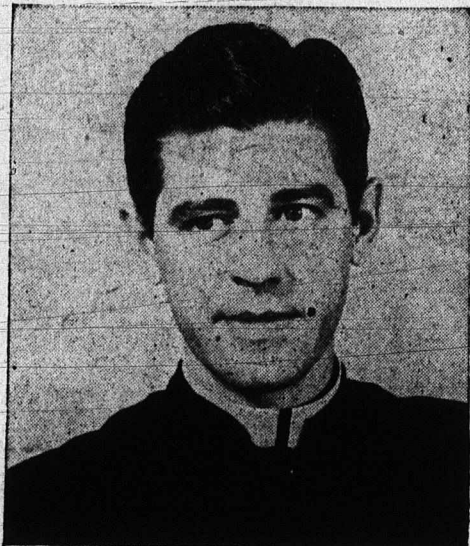
Completing the series of lectures by professors of the Science Department in the Science Seminar, the Rev. Alfred Zanolar, C.P.P.S., professor of mathematics and physics, on May 3, discussed the history, nature, and production of the X-Ray.

Following the lecture, Father Zanolar demonstrated the fluoroscope. The same evening a meeting of the Science Department was held.

Revs. Martin, Kern Are Students Again

Academy prefect, the Rev. Henry Martin, C.P.P.S., and the Rev. Cletus Kern, C.P.P.S., Registrar, are students again. This time at Chicago, Ind. Each Saturday (May 6 to June 17) they attend a seminar in education, which deals with a study of the methods and procedure used in educational research.

The course is offered to post-graduates who will be required to do special work in the field of education.



Bro. Louis Stock
Intramural Director

Rev. John Baechle Does Cover Work

By BOB HUMMEL

As a member of the American Society of Amateur Microscopists, the Rev. John Baechle, C.P.P.S., professor of Biology at St. Joseph's, designed covers for the society's periodic Bulletin. On the cover of the Oct. issue the photomicrograph was that of the rhizome of the eagle fern, showing vascular bundle. Father supplied 1500 copies of the cover (printed and ready for binding) without a cent of cost to the organization.

The cover of the forthcoming Bulletin is a design of Father Baechle's. This print will be that of two home-made illuminators for a dissecting microscope. The cuts on the cover show the microscope and the illuminators. Engraving for the cuts on both covers was done at St. Joseph's engraving plant; the printing was done at the Campbell Printing Company in Rensselaer.

The use of this type of illuminators for microscopes is an original idea of Father Baechle's. Situated near the nose-piece of the microscope and adjustable, the two light bulbs give better illumination in studying objects, since the light is thrown on the object.

Twenty Members Form Glee Club

Twenty vocally inclined Academy students form the newly organized glee club, which is under the direction of the Rev. Henry Martin, C.P.P.S., disciplinarian.

The group made its first appearance at the Father-Son day celebration.

First Tenors—John Deegan, Bob Eder, Gordon Ash, Charles Teaney, Secretary.

Second Tenors—Steven Barry, President; James Kelly, Howard Spresser, George Smith, James Frommeyer.

First Bass—Connie Fecher, Clarence Steffes, Bob Gaynor, Chris Erhart, Wilfred DeMere, Joe Bolka.

Second Bass—William Spresser, Dave Clemens, Vice-President;

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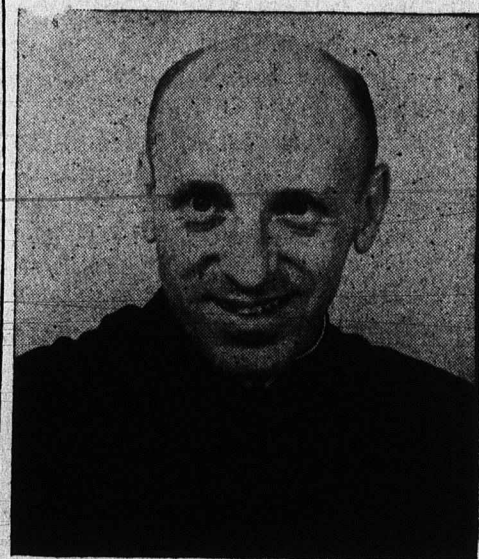
College Band Catches Fancy With Annual Spring Concert

In a setting which itself bespoke spring, the College Band, April 29, under the direction of Professor Paul Tonner, B.Mus., sprightly entertained the residents of Collegeville with its annual spring concert.

Pieces—old and new—which caught the fancy of the audience were "On The Trail," (modern)—Grofe; "Poet and Peasant Overture—Suppe; "The Glow Worm"—Linke; and a medley of tunes from World War 1.

Outstanding among the specialties numbers were "A Trombone Special," played by Dominic Gerlach and Richard Kissner, and "Scene and Air," a clarinet solo played by William Wise.

Richard McDewitt, Jack O'Donnell, Harold Graft.



BROTHER CONRAD
Assistant Prefect

PHYSICS CLASS SHOWS UP FIRST OF FORTY-EIGHT

Results recently arrived at the office of the Rev. Dr. Walter T. Pak, C.P.P.S., principal of the academy, of the first semester tests conducted by Purdue University, the State Testing Service for Ind. These determine the rank of the individual high schools in the various high school courses.

In physics, which is taught by Brother John Marling, C.P.P.S., St. Joseph's ranked first among the forty-eight high schools of Indiana which took the test.

Other results show St. Joseph's to rank seventeenth out of 101 schools in freshman algebra; fifth out of fifty-four schools in advanced algebra; tenth out of eighty schools in biology; and seventh out of fifty-six schools in Latin.

U. S. Navy Beckons Stuff Photographer

"The luckiest man alive," the students called Thomas Burger, junior pre-med student and STUFF photographer, who received his call to the Navy several days before the final tests began. Tom will enter V-12 in July.

Active in the Albertus Magnus Society and an honor student, Tom laid aside his two hobbies, American literature and cameras, for a while. He had been experimenting in penicillin with Father Kroeckel in the biology labs.

Plant 2,000 Trees

Adding to the beauty of the surroundings of Collegeville, two thousand pine trees have been planted in the state classified forest adjacent to St. Joseph's by the community students, under the supervision of the Rev. Carl Nisset, C.P.P.S.

The project is part of the program sponsored by the State of Indiana to conserve its forests.



High School Seniors Who Are Preparing For The Priesthood

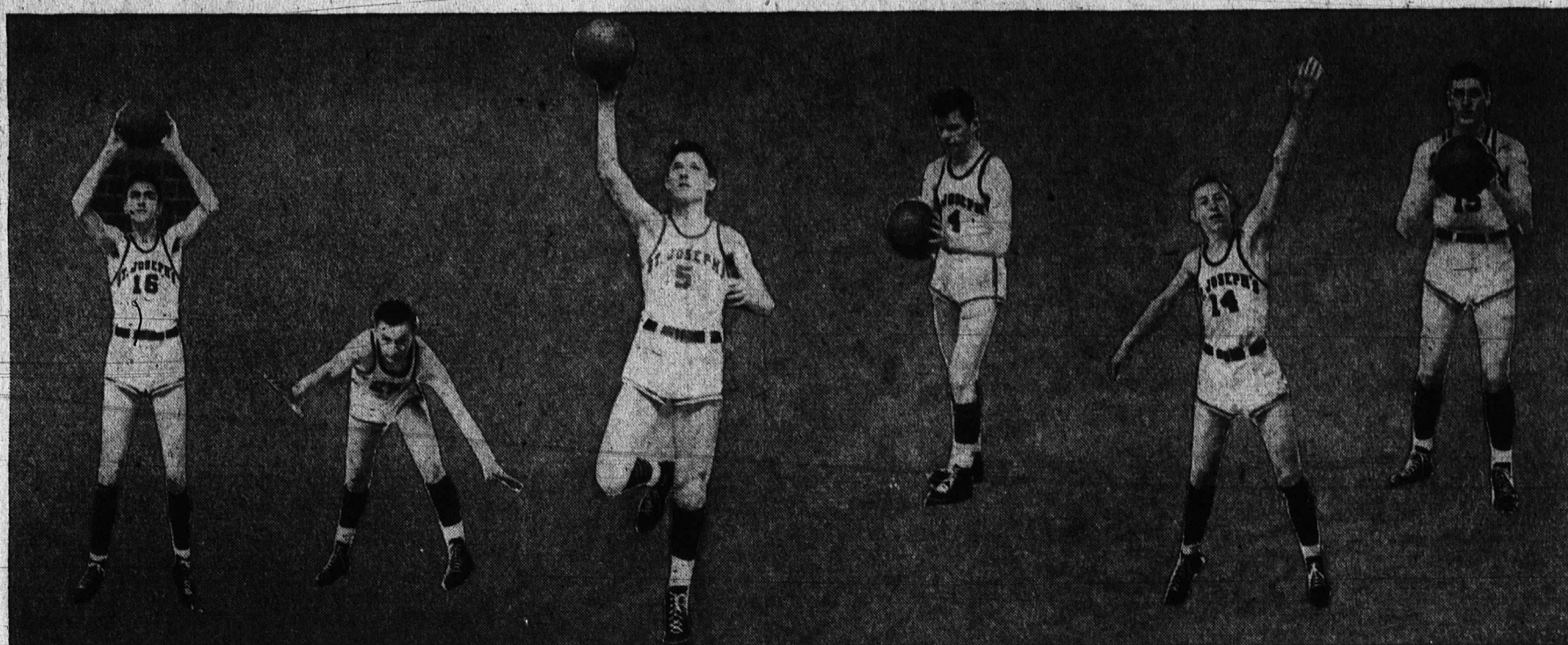
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Second Row: R. Girt, L. Herber, R. Hoyng, L. Klein, J. Nagele, J. Neidlinger.
Third Row: W. O'Neill, M. Oser, N. Ott, R. Riedel, W. Shields, B. Whaley.

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Sports Are Emphasized In Academy



J. Hummel

S. Nyikos

C. Steffes

D. Clemens (C)

A. Serewicz

R. Eder



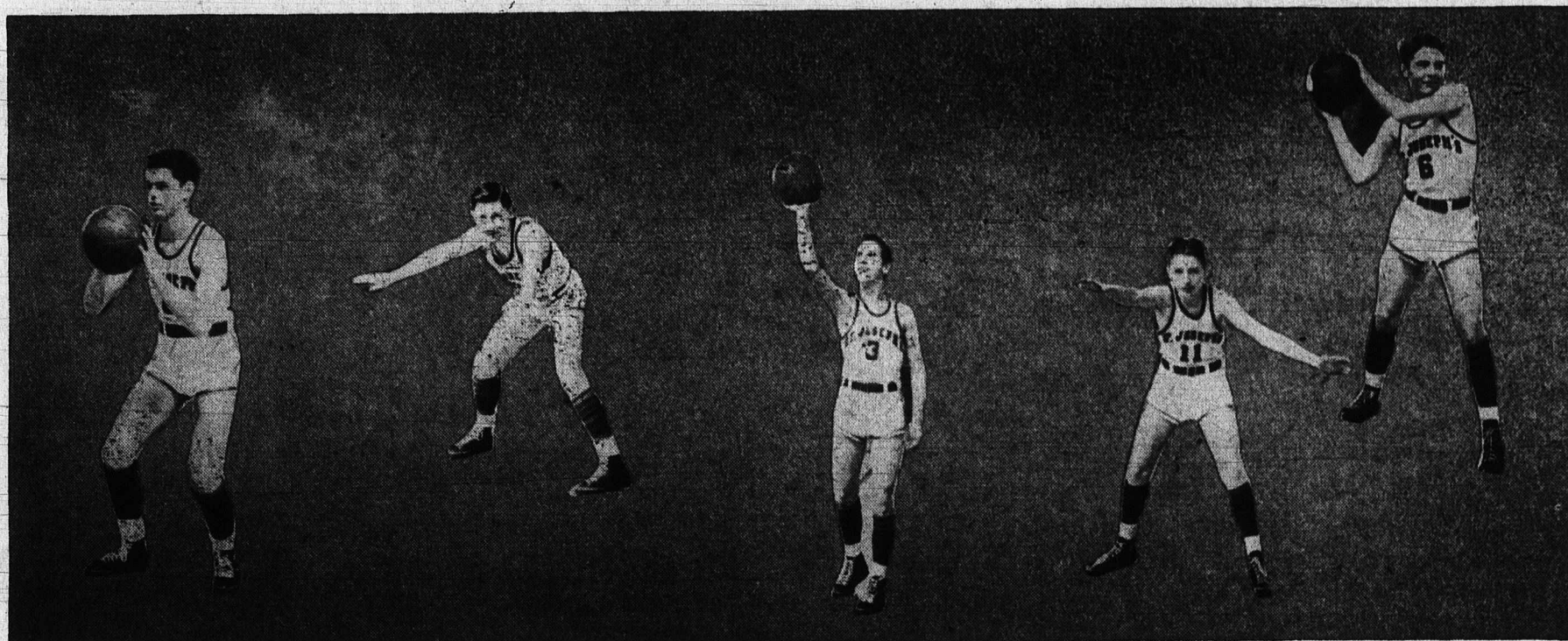
Rev. Edward Roof
Athletic Director

Varsity Program, I-M Opportunities Always Available

One of the finest features of St. Joseph's Academy is the opportunity offered to all the students for participation in athletics, so essential to a well-rounded high school life and to the development of sound bodies for sound minds. Under the supervision of the Rev. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., athletic director, and coach Dick Scharf, sports at St. Joseph's have been an outstanding complement of each student's life here.

Not only are opportunities offered to the more skilled athletes in football, basketball, and baseball through varsity teams, which belong to the Indiana High School Athletic Association and engage in interscholastic competition with that body, but also an extensive intramural program, reaching into basketball, football, softball, tennis, and track has been developed. This year instructions in tennis were given.

The expansive, modern field-house, another basketball court, football and baseball diamond, a track, and six tennis courts offer convenient facilities for athletic participation. Also, regular gym classes, stressing muscle-building exercises, are held.



R. Hummel

F. Ritter

C. Fecher

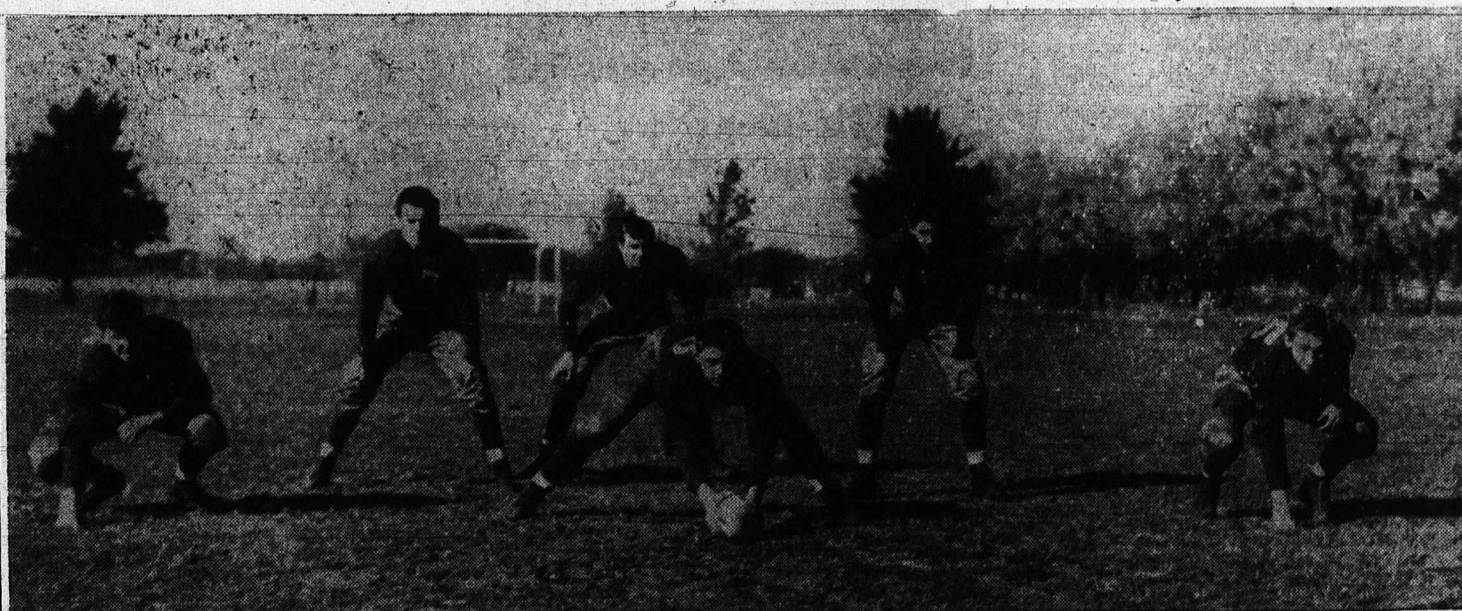
J. Thieme

R. Hermann

Grid Schedule

Seven football games are scheduled for next season, four of them at home and three away. The following are the games to be played.

Sept. 15—Kentland—There
Sept. 22—Wheatfield—Here
Sept. 30—DeMotte—Here
Oct. 6—Mt. Ayr—Here
Oct. 14—Fair Oaks—There
Oct. 20—Knox—Here
Oct. 25—Attica—There
Wheatfield, DeMotte, Mt. Ayr, Fair Oaks, Knox, and St. Joe are in the Kankakee Valley League.



Four Graduating Cubs Show Active Athletic Careers

By Bill Stolle

Although most of the seniors this year were transfer students, ineligible for sports, the spot light falls on Dave Clemens, Jim Dobe, Bob Gaynor and Chuck Teaney.

Dave Clemens started at St. Joseph's academy in the last half of his sophomore year; in his junior year he was manager of the football team and one of the first ten players in basketball. In his senior year Dave's reputation and ability for sports brought him the captaincy of football and basketball.

Bob Gaynor, transfer student from Brunnerdale Seminary, made his history at St. Joe in football and baseball. Bob was one of the biggest men on the football squad. His playing was equally big. In baseball, Bob was a good hitter and outfielder.

Jim Dobe, who transferred into the college at the semester, had attended the academy for four years. Jim also proved himself to be a great athlete in baseball and basketball. In his sophomore year Jim was the first string first baseman in baseball. In his junior year he was one of the first ten players on the basketball team and also first string in baseball. In his senior year, Jim was the captain of the basketball team until he transferred to the college.

Charles Teaney, who attended

St. Joe for four years, did not play any varsity sports, but he worked himself up to the position of manager of the basketball and football team. During the baseball season Chuck had to retire because of a heavy schedule. Chuck did a fine job as manager.

The following are the seniors that played intramural basketball and baseball:

Basketball—Dave Clemens, Jim Dobe, Bob Gaynor, Chuck Teaney, Frank Clark, Jack O'Donnell, Duke Lenzen, and Dick McDevitt.

Baseball—Dave Clemens, Frank Clark, and Jack O'Donnell.

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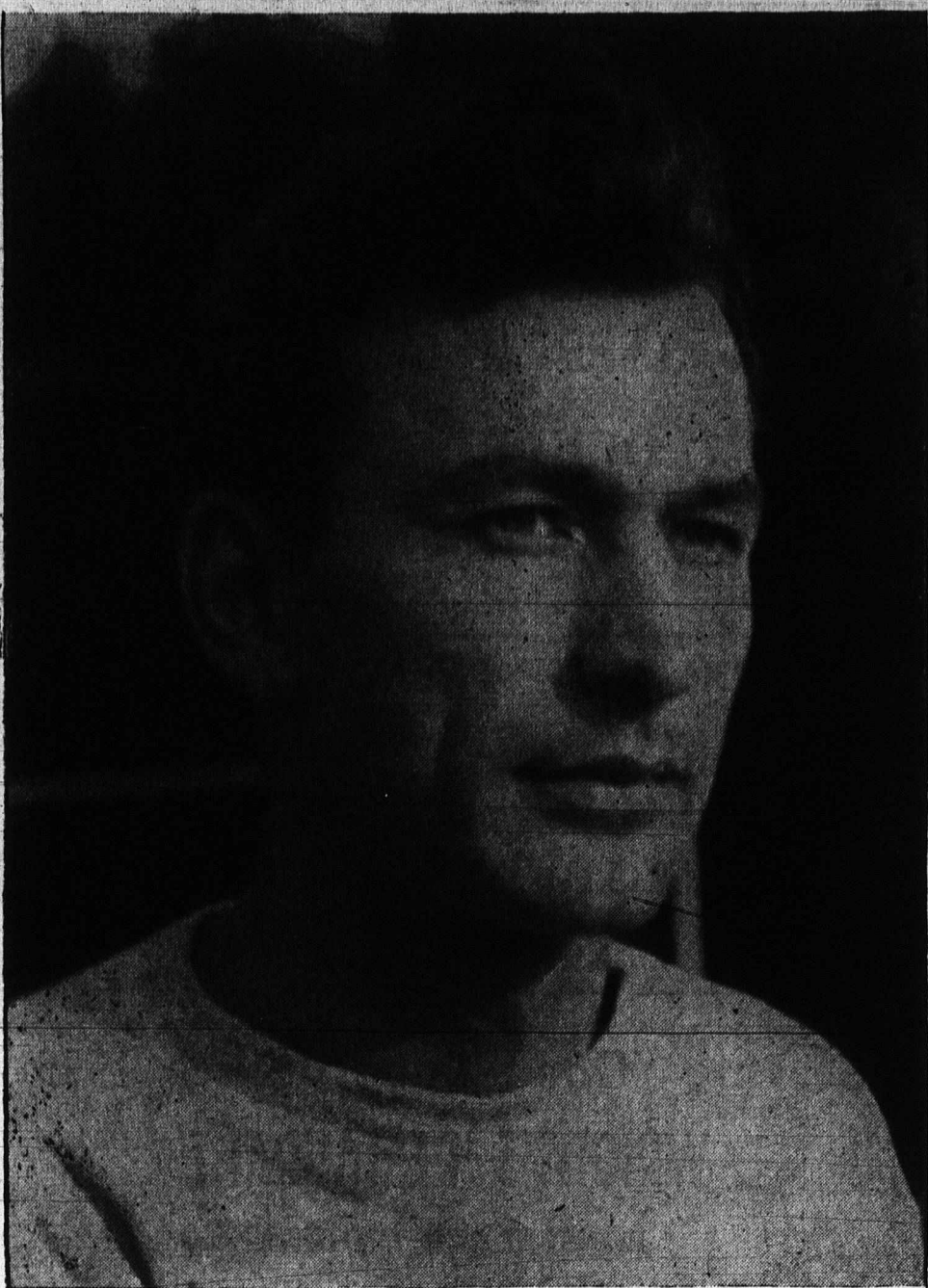


Above are pictures of the varsity squads of the 1943-44 scholastic year of St. Joseph's Academy. St. Joseph's is a member of the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

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COACH DICK SCHARF

MENTOR DICK SCHARF TO ENTER INTO NAVY

Coach, Teacher At St. Joseph's Since February Of 1940

With the close of the 1944 scholastic year, St. Joseph's Academy loses its popular gentleman-coach, Richard Scharf, who will enter the United States Navy soon. An occupational deferment expired May 22, the day after commencement. Dick also was a member of the faculty at St. Joseph's. Born May 22, 1916, Dick attended St. Wendelin parochial and high school, Fostoria, Ohio, before matriculating at St. Joseph's College in the autumn of 1934. He is the son of Mr. Charles Scharf, Fostoria. Dick's mother died late last November. A brother, the Rev. Bernard Scharf, C.P.P.S., former professor at St. Joseph's, and disciplinarian in the academy one year before enlisting for chaplain duties in the U. S. Army, is now serving overseas.

An honor student, Dick majored in accounting at St. Joseph's, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in the spring of 1938. At St. Joe he was one of coach DeCook's most dependable players in all three varsity sports—football, basketball, and baseball. Always cool headed, he gave every ounce of energy he possessed to the game.

After graduation, Dick was employed by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Hammond, Ind., as an accountant, until in Feb., 1940, he came back to St. Joseph's to coach the academy teams and assist former college coach, Joe Dienhart. He also taught accounting and physical education. At the beginning of this year he was made head coach of St. Joseph's, after Joe Dienhart assumed a coaching position at Purdue University.

At present no successor has been chosen to replace Dick as coach. Although the college enrollment has been greatly reduced through military conscription, it will remain open. Meanwhile, a substantial increase in the enrollment of the academy is expected for next year.

A father of two children, Dick sold his home in Rensselaer. Mrs. Scharf and the family will live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Enright, Hammond, Ind.

Athletic Managers Do Excellent Job

Packing and unpacking equipment, rolling fields, raking, chasing foul balls, carrying water and towels—these are just a few of the duties athletic managers Charles Teaney, Earl Redden, and Norm Ascherman of the Academy Cubs were found busy at this year. They deserve a hand shake and a pat on the back from all.

Though Teaney graduated, Redden and Ascherman should be back next year to carry on. Redden was assistant manager early in the year, but became head manager when Teaney resigned in favor of his studies.

Cub Monogram Club Draws Constitution

The second meeting of The Academy Monogram Club for 1943-44 was held on May 9. At the meeting, a new constitution was written and approved by all the members. Under the new constitution, alumni lettermen are honorary members.

Jerry Leahy, '43, appeared during the meeting. Leahy, who was a member of the club last year but is now an army man, gave a short talk on sports and the army. Two new members, George Smith and Gordon Ash, who received their letter in baseball, were admitted to the club.

Cub Baseball Season Closes With Loss To Jefferson High

Having another "off" day, the Academy cubs lost their last game of the baseball season to Jefferson High, Lafayette, Ind., 10-0. Collecting only four hits (Ritter, Gaynor, Smith, and Ash), the cubs couldn't give much support to pitcher Tex Ritter, who pitched the first six innings. Captain Clarence Steffes hurled the last inning.

Playing on their home diamond, Orval Military academy of Morgan Park, Ill., punched a 10 to 0 victory over the St. Joe academy cubs. The pitcher for Morgan park with a terrific fast ball, allowed only one hit, a single by Steve Nyikos. Frank Ritter pitched the entire game.

Coached by Earl Redden the Cub varsity baseball team—in a practice game—was defeated by a pick-up team of Academy ineligible and faculty members, Sat., May 6, by a 7-5 margin.

Though the varsity squad led in the fifth inning, 5 to 4, the ineligible scored three runs in the last inning to put the game on ice. Nyikos and Steffes, pitching, and Eder and Hess, catching, formed the varsity battery, while Brother Louis pitched and Bill Stolle caught for the ineligible. Father James Hinton's home run to center field was the best hit of the day.

A baseball game between the College and the Rensselaer Merchants was to be played April 29, but only one player for the Merchants showed up. The academy boys filled in the positions. The battery for the college was Krol, pitcher, and Kuhajda, catcher. For the academy, Bro. Louis and Jess DeMere pitched and Bill Stolle caught.

Although the college had the advantage over the academy boys, the latter managed to get eight runs which brought the final score to 17 to 8.

Jess DeMere got the best hit of the game with a home run to left field.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Playing the college in a fast, exciting game of baseball, the students of Xavier hall won 2 to 0. Pitcher for Xavier was Ruschau; for the college, Stechschulte. It was a real pitchers' dual, with only three hits during the whole game. Ruschau gave one; Stechschulte, two.

Culminating intramural activity in St. Joseph's Academy this year was a track meet held Saturday, May 13, under the supervision of Chester Skrabacz. The results are as follows: Fifty-yard dash—Bolka (6.3 sec.), Reis; 100 yard dash—Bolka (12.4 sec.), Reis, Weaver; High Jump—Eder (4' 8") McCullough, West; Pole Vault—Dennison (7 ft.), Stolle; Shot Put—Graft (36' 6"), Reis; Broad Jump—McCullough (16' 10"), secs.), T. Serewicz.

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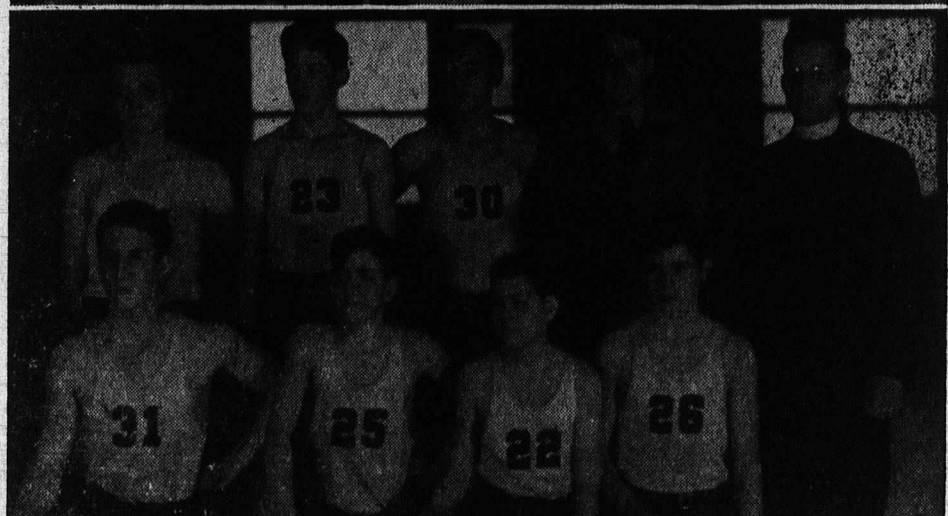
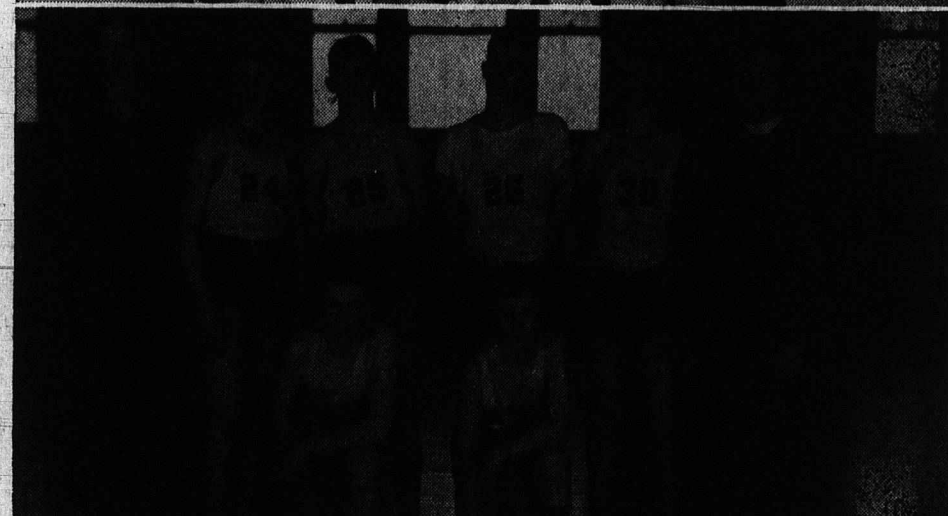
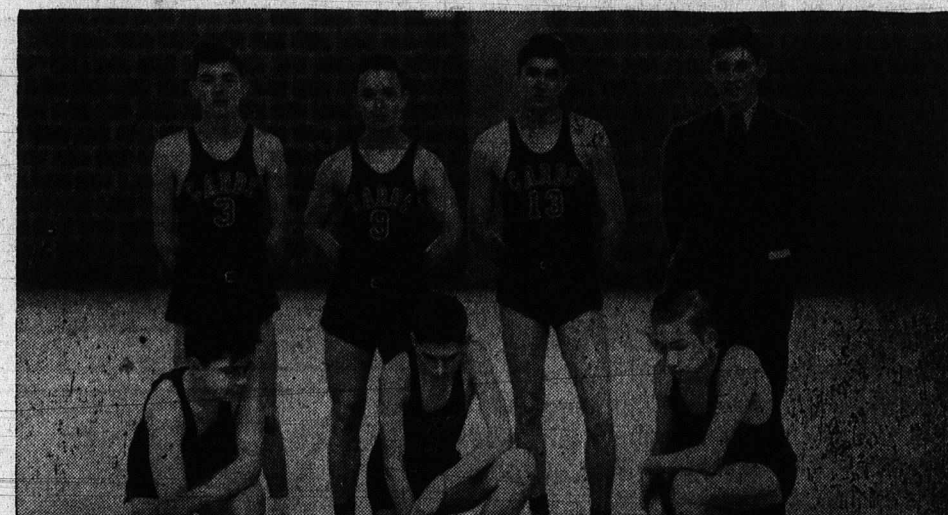
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Above are the winning intramural teams in the Academy this year. Intramurals play an important part in the students' lives at St. Joseph's.

**-MORE ABOUT-
Dirksen-Lucks**

ing the last six years, in alumni circles fourteen local chapters of former students were organized in as many places in the mid-western states. As a bond between alumni and the college Contact, a monthly news sheet, was started in March 1939. Laymen's retreats were offered four successive summers; the library was moved from the third floor of the north wing of the Gymnasium Building to its present accessible location on the ground floor of Science Hall.

Athletics Grow
With the coming of Joe Dienhart to the college as coach in 1938, varsity athletics made sports writers throughout the mid-west conscious of St. Joseph's as a hemman institution. Meanwhile, Father Edward Roof enthusiastically supported intramural competition and helped much to provide healthful recreation to every student on the campus.

Father Dirksen, a biblical scholar, who has contributed a commentary on the Gospel according to St. Mark for the revised edition of the New Testament, and written a number of articles for several magazines, has given a scholar's service to St. Joseph's for six successful years.

**Father Lucks Well
Prepared For Task**

The Rev. Dr. Henry A. Lucks, C.P.P.S., has been appointed successor to the V. Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., as President of St. Joseph's College. This appointment went into effect immediately after Commencement, May 21, when Father Dirksen's second three-year term in office expired.

Doctor of Philosophy
Present Dean of St. Joseph's, Father Lucks has been connected with the institution ever since his ordination in 1927. He attended the University of Notre Dame during the summers of 1929 and 1930, and Illinois University, the following summer. From 1933 to 1936 he pursued courses leading to a Doctorate of Philosophy at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Since then he has been professor of philosophy at St. Joseph's.

More immediate preparation for his new appointment began in 1937, when Father Lucks became Registrar and Dean of the College, a dual position which he filled until 1943. This past year he has been the college Dean.

Father Lucks was born April 26, 1901, at Beatrice, Nebr.

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College Graduates**

this year, he will enter a major seminary, as yet undecided, immediately.

An accomplished pianist and vocalist, Bill spent many happy hours with his music while here.

Leaving behind him a brilliant athletic career at St. Joseph's, Stanley Wisniewski, Chicago, Ill., held membership in the Monogram Club and the Raleigh Club. Stan played varsity ball in three major sports—football, basketball, and baseball—and was a member of the track team for two years.

As a fleetly backfield man and an accurate passer, he played four years of football on the finest football teams in St. Joseph's history. He also distinguished himself in two years of varsity basketball, and two years of baseball as an outfielder. As an organizer in intramural sports Stan was also active.

Transfer student here from De Sales College, William Stechschulte, Kalida, Ohio, spent two

years at St. Joseph's, where athletics—as a varsity baseball pitcher of fine ability and as an intramural organizer, became his favorite interest. He was a member of the Monogram Club and Raleigh Club, serving as treasurer and houseman of the latter this year. "Red" was especially popular among the Academy students, whom he helped supervise in intramural sports.

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